(c) whether Government propose to give certain incentives to diamond exporters for further increase of exports and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what are the names of the countries to which diamond exports have shown an increase during the past one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) Exports of diamonds during the period April-October, 1988 (ending 31st October, 88) was Rs. 2278.99 crores (provisional) as compared to Rs. 1384.15 crores in the corresponding period last year. Government has recently notified certain measures for promoting exports of cut and polished diamonds. These include revised rates of replenishment, amendment to the imprest licensing policy, liberalised norms for bank credit, exemption under Section 80 HHC of the Income Tax Act etc. Some of the major countries to which exports have been increasing are the USA, Japan, Belgium, Thailand, France, the UK, Australia and Hong Kong.

News-item captioned 'CAG warns against Debt Trap'

*192. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which has appeared in the Times of India of the 30th July, 1988 under the heading "CAG warns Government against debt trap" and if so, what is the quantum of internal public debt and the interest payable thereon per year and the quantum of foreign debt and interest payable thereon per year for the last three years;

(b) whether the administrative expenditure of the Central Government is increasing at a fast pace and if so, what are the figures of administrative expenditure termed as non-developmental expenditure during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government's domestic borrowings from the public has mostly been used for payment of interest liabilities thus affecting the developmental expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

The reference is presumably to the report of the Comptroller & Auditor-General of India on public debt which was laid on the Table of the House on 29th July, 1988.

(a) *Internal and External Debt*: The quantum of internal and external debt and the interest thereon during the last 3 years are given below:—

(Rs. crores)

	Outstanding at the end of		
	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
(i) Internal debt	71039	86312	99520 (RE)
(ii) External debt on Government account (at the current rate of exchange)	26638	32312	36670
(iii) Interest on internal debt	3919	4763	5628 (RE)
(iv) Interest on external debt	538	766	1034 (RE)

(b) *Non-Plan Administrative Expenidture*: The table below gives the details of non-plan administrative expenditure during the last 3 years and as a percentage to the total non-Plan revenue expenditure. It does not show an increasing trend.

(Rs. crores)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88 (RE)
(i) Organs of State (of which Audit)	187 (130)	218 (160)	240 (180)
(ii) Collection of taxes	293	381	454
(iii) Administrative services (of which police)	1062 (707)	1344 (914)	1401 (979)
(iv) Secretariat Expenditure	168	209	237
Total-Non-Plan Administrative Expenditure (A)	1710	2152	2332
Total-Non-Plan Revenue expenditure (excluding Defence) (B)	19511	23084	27713
Percentage of (A) to (B)	8.8%	9.3%	8.4%

Clearance for Polavaram Project

193. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major hitch for giving clearance to the Polavaram Project is the catchment area treatment and land to land proposition;

(b) whether the State Government has given an assurance to fulfil the conditions after receiving the clearance for the Project; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Project is a multi-purpose project?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R